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MOTHER'S DAY

Since the year 1907, the people of the United States have been observing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day, with appropriate services in the churches of the land, where individuals are accustomed to commemorate holy things.

In 1914, Congress designated the day which is widely observed in other countries, as well as our own. It differs from the earlier celebrations of ancient peoples whose festivities did not carry the same sense of appreciation for individual mothers.

Words of man are incapable of expressing proper appreciation of the unselfish and devoted life of good mothers, and it is given to most children to revere and appreciate their own mother as the noblest expression of this intimate human relationship.

Mother's Day, of course, is commercialized, as is Christmas and most of our holidays. When this is overdone, we regret this as a poor practice. However, we welcome the observance of Mother's Day, once a year, and think that those fortunate enough to have a mother living, and a Christian, loving mother, have a wonderful blessing.

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NIXON'S STOCK UP

The general consensus of opinion among political observers in Washington at least, is that Vice President Richard Nixon's chances to receive the presidential nomination of the Republican party have improved in recent weeks and months.

The most significant indication of this was the recent selection of Senator Thurston B .Morton, of Kentcky, as the new national chairman of the party. Morton, a Nixon supporter, has pledged neutrality in the competition for the 1960 Republican presidential nomination, although his selection was inevitably a victory for Nixon.

Chicago has been selected as the convention site, and Chicago was the city preferred by the Nixon supporters.

As Nixon's stock increases, the likelihood that the Republican convention will offer few of the fireworks certain to be seen at the Democratic convention likewise increases. The Democratic convention is sure to be a slam-bang affair, with several strong candidates and much drama. If the Nixon bandwagon continues to pick up adherents, the Republican convention could be an anti-climax.

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SIR WINSTON OFFERS AGAIN

Sir Winston Churchill recently told his constituents he is offering again as a candidate for Parliament. Although he will be eighty-five years old in November, Sir Winston carries on, and his announcement brought cheers from an assembled group in Woodford, who had gathered to hear his speech.

Reporters who covered the speech seemed to agree that the senior statesman of the western world is being overhauled by time. Sir Winston's movements, they say, are now painfully deliberate, and his once-defiant voice has lost some of its power.

On the other hand, it would be a mistake to conclude that Sir Winston is through, for even in his recent speech, his analysis of the international scene was of great value to the West. He called upon the Allies, for instance, to be more sympathetic with each other's problems, and advised them to achieve greater unity, since strength and unity were needed in the forthcoming talks over Berlin. And Sir Winston warned the Russians, in unmistakable tones, that the use of armed force in Berlin "would inevitably unleash a general conflict."

We do not know how long Churchill can continue to remain active in political life, but it is a good bet that free peoples over the world trust that he will be spared for con tinued counsel and leadership.

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Principles, too often, are read, not lived.

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People who talk fast and much often outrun their facts.

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A very small honor can puff up a very small individual.

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Nobody is going to buy what you have to sell unless they know that you have it for sale

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Sunshine friends can rarely stand the heat.

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It is surprising how ignorant some people think you are.

Washington Notes

May Renew Claims

The State Department is considering a proposal to renew talks with Romania about American claims of property damage and losses.

The claims involve American property Romania allegedly damaged by the Romanian Government during World War II and property seized by the Government when it nationalized the country after the war.

Logging More Miles

If travel will do it, Vice -President Nixon is going to be one of the best - informed men available for a Presidential nomination in 1960.

Nixon's trip to Moscow in July will add about 10,000 miles to the 270,647 he already has logged since January, 1953, when he took office.

Raps Navy Secrecy

Navy secrecy could result in concealing waste, extravagance and poor management, House investigators have been told.

Comptroller General Joseph Campbell said Navy information policies also have a practical effect of "thwarting the will of Congress."

Campbell stressed these points in testimony prepared for hearings by the House Government Information subcommittee on Navy information practices.

More On Foreign Aid

Senator Scott (R., Pa.) has called on fellow senators to think more about foreign aid and less about pet local projects. In a Senate speech, Scott said:

"We must be above preoccupation with only post offices, dams, irrigation systems, how tall the corn grows and whether the parity is as high as an elephant's eye."

"This may be the last time to reflect on the grim and sobering prospect of what will confront us if, for lack of an adequate security program, there comes a day when there be no post offices or dams or gently waving corn."

'Nakedness' Cited

America's "nakedness in civil defense" has seriously impaired United States bargaining power to maintain peace, the House Military Operations subcommittee says.

On the other hand, the committee said, Russia has undertaken an intensive civil defense program, including compulsory mass training of the population.

Latin Communist Study

The Corporation for Economic and Industrial Research, Arlington, Va., has signed a research contract with a Senate subcommittee. The corporation will study Soviet economic and cultural penetration in Latin America.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Was Christ a weather prophet? Did He originate any weather folklore?

Eric Sloane, who has written a number of books on weather and who studied that subject, reports that Christ was the source of the old saying about a red sunset and clear weather next day.

Christ said: "When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather today for the sky is red and lowering." (Matthew, chapter 16, verses 2 and 3).

Christ was probably repeating the weather sayings of the Pharisees in this case and at least the latter half of his guide may have been wrong. A red sunrise does not usually mean rain. The reference to lowering clouds, however, is sound weather lore, for lowering clouds are a sign of approaching rain. And a red sunset does indicate fair weather.

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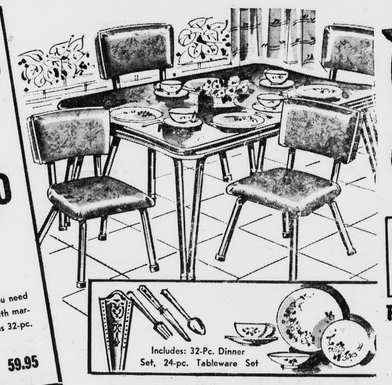

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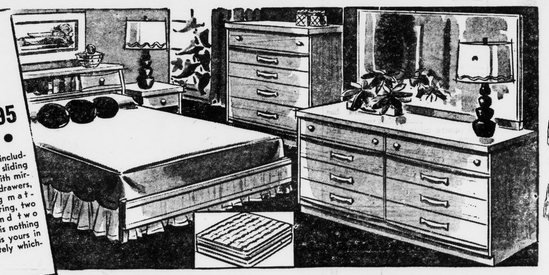

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